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Punta Gorda Directory.

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Episcopal Church, Rev. T. J. Purdie, rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Sundays; Sunday school at 10 o'clock each Sunday afternoon.
Presbyterian—Rev. C. H. Fernan, pastor. Services second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Thursdays.
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DELAY EXPLAINED.

WHY THE SUPREME COURT IS BEHIND WITH ITS WORK—THREE MORE JUDGES REQUIRED.

EDITOR HERALD:—As you are one of the newspaper men to whom I feel I can write freely and fully, I want to notice a statement in one of your recent papers, to the effect that unless the supreme court judges came off their high perch of personal dignity and gave the reason why they are behind with their work and the necessity for the adoption of the pending amendment to the constitution to increase the number of the judges it would be defeated. I do not represent the judges nor write at their suggestion; but when a good and intelligent man like you writes in this way, I feel an irresistible desire, pro bono publico, to endeavor as far as I can to put him in possession of the situation as I see it.

The supreme court of Florida is what environment, tradition, individual peculiarities of judges and circumstances generally have made it. I need not point out what those peculiarities, mental and moral, have been or are in detail. Intelligent men all know, for instance, that Judge Marshall fixed the standard of the supreme court of the United States and fixed the idea of national dignity of our institutions for all time. Whether he got his bent from the highest conceptions of duty and policy, or from hatred of Thomas Jefferson, or a combination of both, does not matter now. Augustus Caesar reached his "Imperatorship" by very dubious and bloody means, and yet he became as one of the gods to Virgil and Horace.

Our supreme court, under the leadership of former judges, fell into certain habits of doing business, amongst others of requiring that every judge should carefully examine every proposition submitted to them and to take all this vast mass of authority, sometimes inharmonious and conflicting, and out of the confusion to extract the true principle. If there are twenty propositions in a cause, you can imagine what the labor will be in a library of four or five thousand volumes of decisions. Each judge must be satisfied that each question is correctly decided. This policy is one of the traditions of the court. The result is that our decisions, as a rule, are very long and correct expositions of legal principles, and time is taken to construct them.

In Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, and perhaps other states, crowded dockets have forced the supreme courts to a different policy. In those states it is understood that the decisions are one-judge decisions. The cases are divided among the judges and each judge takes his case, drives through it, writes out his views, reads them to his associates; and if there is nothing wrong apparent upon such a cursory view, the decision goes. The result is, a great many cases are disposed of, and a great many decisions are made which constantly conflict with other decisions, so that the supreme court decisions in those states have ceased to be considered, to any great extent, as law for any case other than the particular one decided. Lawyers in Chattanooga and Atlanta, and prominent ones, have told me so. It is difficult in those states for a lawyer to advise a client as to what the law is.

One of the most prominent lawyers in Chattanooga told me that he was engaged in a case before the supreme court of Tennessee, the record of which contained over 2,000 pages. It was argued and submitted, and by the court referred to one judge. That judge took the record; and although the questions involved were many and important, he announced his decision on the morning of the second day after it was argued, and that he could not possibly have read one-half of the record, or the briefs. His opinion was orally delivered, and the attorneys were directed to write up the decision, which is the practice in Tennessee.

I have been told of a case in the supreme court of Georgia, in which the record contained over 2,000 pages. It was an important case. It was argued and submitted, and two of the judges, without reading the record through, decided it, and in so doing went contrary upon one question to all the courts in America and England, to the astonishment of the attorneys in the case who were the leading lawyers in Atlanta. One of them told me (and he was a gentleman of ability) that the judge told him they did not read the record and examined but few authorities.

One prominent business man in Atlanta said that he had a similar experience on two occasions, and that he now hired a lawyer by the year to keep him out of litigation by compromising his difficulties. If he fails to compromise he gets no pay.

Our supreme judges dread such a situation as that, and fight against it. I am not defending their course, but simply stating conditions. It may be that the lesser evil is to hurry through with the business; and personally that is my view, until some wiser judicial system can be devised which will bring only cases of great magnitude to the supreme court. Everything from \$100.00 up goes there now, and the condition of the law as to supersedeas, and the condition of the docket which gives delay to defendants, induces litigants to carry many cases, however trifling, to that court.

And then again we have a peculiar practice, antiquated and out of harmony with the present business conditions of the world. We have the old English Common Law and chancery practice, with a few statutory modifications which we have in the main borrowed from England. It was this system which excited the literary people of England and caused the delays of the law to be satirized by the novelists and newspaperers.

In 1826, the English parliament were stirred up to an endeavor to rectify it. They passed an act appointing a commission of judges and lawyers to examine into the practice and suggest remedies for its defects. The commissioners, with such changes as time demanded, existed and worked until 1873; and after many fruitless efforts at amendment, recommended the abolition of the whole business and the adoption of a practice fashioned on the code system. This last scheme was adopted and works well.

Under our present system, a shrewd and not over-scrupulous lawyer can load up a record with as many exceptions as he pleases. He can assign as many errors as he pleases; and if the court should omit to notice them all, he is very apt to come back with an application for a re-hearing.

One of our judges recently examined three records, in which there are over 100 propositions of law presented in each case by the assignments of error. In one there are over 175; and in another, probably as many as 300. How long do you suppose it would take the best lawyer to consult authorities and decide correctly each one of these cases? The cases are very important; and the party who wishes to overthrow the decision of the court below, is permitted by law to come to the supreme court with a drag-net for error. As a rule, there are seldom more than two or three vital questions in any case, but the law permits every kind of merely technical errors to be brought up on appeal. In one of the cases above referred to it took one of the judges more than a week of hard reading to simply read the record.

We have no State Bar Association, with its standing committees to look after law-reform, no law journal, and no old established law schools, none of the instrumentalities which exist in other states for focusing public sentiment upon the defects of our system and for suggesting remedies. Besides, our lawyers come from all the English speaking states and countries, with the prejudices, notions and habits of their native location. You can seldom get two of them to agree upon a remedy for anything.

Again, the we now have a law school of our own at Stetson University, our young men seem to prefer to go to Vanderbilt, University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Harvard, Yale; Athens, Ga., or any other school than our own, which, latter is the only one which pretends to teach our Florida law, a law in many respects very different from that of any other state.

Our judges are conscientious men, who work hard and do not complain of criticism. They are usually at work by 8 in the morning and, except an hour for dinner, are at it until dark. Judge Mabry has worn himself out. They work harder than any lawyer in Florida. They do not slight their work.

They have a high and exalted idea of the duty and dignity of a court which has in its ultimate keeping the dearest rights of men, in all that concerns their temporal interests. They are sober men. They do not deserve to be abused.

The only present relief I see to be possible is to get more judges and divide the court into two branches working independent of each other. There will naturally be some emulation between the two to get through with business. It will stir up the court to swifter, if less accurate methods. You should advocate the amendment with the ability which is peculiar to you of all our newspaper men, for you are naturally able (I am not flattering you), and you are not a cynic or pessimist.

As to the commission, one word: They have no judicial power. Their work is all reviewed by the judges of the supreme court under their construction of their duties. Even with this drawback, the court, with the help of the commission, decides about one-third more cases than it did in the same time before the appointment of the commission. And this notwithstanding daily interruptions and annoyances of all sorts since February 1st resulting from the work of reconstructing the capitol building.

MCCENAS.
Lake City, Sept. 22, 1902.

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SCHEME FOR FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

A simple scheme for providing school children with text books practically free of cost has been put into successful operation in other places and might easily be adopted in Punta Gorda or in any other town having a large school. The plan is this:

All the children having text books of their own turn them into the school library and are given credit for them at a reasonable value to be fixed by the teachers. For these, the teachers (or librarians) give a receipt in which the value of the books is stated, and this receipt is taken for its face value in payment of library fees.

Under this arrangement the pupils turn in and receive credit for books which he may have completed and for which he has no use, but which are needed by other pupils.

After all the books have thus been turned into a common library, the teachers can easily compute how many more are needed to supply all the pupils, and this will be found to be a comparatively small number, which can be bought by levying a trifling library fee upon each pupil to raise the necessary money. This fee, in the cases of children who have turned in no books, should not amount to more than 50 cents to \$1. per half term, whereas, if each pupil had to buy all of the books he needed, they would cost him twice and possibly five times that much.

Text books turned in by any pupil would be taken as far as their value went in payment of his library fees; and in some cases the number of books turned in by a pupil would pay his library fees for several terms. Where several children from the same family bring in books, the credit should be equally divided between them.

The common library having been thus provided, then each child is supplied out of it with what books he may need and is charged for them. On returning them in good order he is given due credit; but if he damages or loses them, he must pay for them.

The plan is very simple and should be considered by the trustees and teachers of every large school. If adopted, it will save parents more than half the expense they now have to bear to supply their children with books.

Suppose every pupil in the Punta Gorda High School at the beginning of the present term had paid a library fee of \$1.00; we venture to say the amount so raised would have been sufficient to buy all the books needed by the school for several months, and yet it is quite likely that every parent has already been taxed more than that to provide his children with books.

Under the co-operative plan suggested above, we could come very near having free text books for school children.

EXPLAINED ON THIS PAGE.
Tampa Herald: Editor Jordan, of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD, says that he never accused the "present supreme court judges of sloth, incapacity or inattention to business," but simply wanted to "know why they cannot keep up with their work." In his editorial comment this week on the supreme court, the genial editor states that he has received a letter from a personal friend which is entirely satisfactory. He says: "Our friend's explanation is so clear and satisfactory that it will be given to the public in these columns next week." The Herald is glad to know that Editor Jordan will publish the letter, for if there is a question that needs explanation, certainly it is the supreme court question, and it is to be hoped that it will contain the necessary information to quiet the nerves of the people, who as yet can't understand why it takes years to get a decision from that honorable and august body.

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The extremely low rates named above have been announced by the Atlantic Coast Line from Punta Gorda on account National Encampment G. A. R. Washington, Oct. 6-11. Tickets to be sold Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6th, return limit not later than Oct. 15th, at noon, extension to return until Nov. 3rd may be obtained. These tickets entitle holder one stop-over going as well as returning and offers a splendid opportunity for parties going East to visit friends or attend to business at any point enroute.

Very low rates have also been fixed to battlefields and other historic points from Washington and Baltimore, good going and returning same way or via circuitous routes.

The Coast Line is the "Official Route" of the Florida Department G. A. R., and they have arranged for the "Headquarters Car" to leave Tampa night of Oct. 4th with Department Commander and staff. In order to accommodate parties who do not care to take sleeper, it has been arranged to operate elegant vestibuled back seat coaches, through Tampa to Washington on this train, in addition to Pullman's finest sleepers, and everything will be done to add to comfort of passengers.

Those desiring sleeper reservations should make same known at once, as doubtless there will be quite a rush. See agent or write S. P. COLLIER, Jr., D. P. Agent, Tampa, Fla.

MR. SPARKMAN'S APPOINTMENTS

For the Democratic Canvass of the First Congressional District.

The Hon. S. M. Sparkman, Democratic nominee for Congress in the First Congressional District of Florida, together with other distinguished speakers, will address the people of this district at the following times and places:

Brookville, Monday, Oct. 5.
Dade City, Tuesday, Oct. 6.
Leesburg, Wednesday, Oct. 7.
Eustis, Thursday, Oct. 8.
Clearwater, Saturday, Oct. 11.
St. Petersburg, Monday, Oct. 13.
Bartow, Tuesday, Oct. 14.
Arcadia, Wednesday, Oct. 15.
Ft. Myers, Friday, Oct. 17.
Punta Gorda, Saturday, Oct. 18.
Key West, Sunday, Oct. 21.
Plant City, Saturday, Oct. 25 11 a. m.

Other appointments will be made by the committee.
P. G. WALL, W. B. HENDERSON,
Secretary. Chairman.

\$500.00 REWARD
Will be given for evidence that will convict the party or parties who shot Albert F. Dewey at his residence Wednesday night, providing shooting was done with intention of murder.

If shooting was accidental and party or parties will come up and confess, no prosecution will be made. Money deposited in the Punta Gorda Bank.
JNO. H. FARRINGTON,
VICE-PRES.

Death of Mrs. J. A. Ivey.
After an illness of twenty-five days, Mrs. S. F. Ivey, wife of Mr. J. A. Ivey, died at her home in this city at 4 p. m. last Friday, aged 38 years. Besides her husband, she leaves five children to mourn their loss.

She was born in Apalachicola, and married Mr. Ivey at Fort Meade about twenty-two years ago. At an early age she joined the Methodist church and remained a faithful Christian till the final summons came. She was a loyal wife, a devoted mother, a kind and generous neighbor.

She was buried in the Alligator creek cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. H. W. Joyner, pastor of the Methodist church. General sympathy is felt for her bereaved husband and children.

Felix Sandlin.
The Sunday school of the Baptist church of Punta Gorda, Fla., learns with regret of the seemingly untimely death of Felix Sandlin, who from his infancy has been a member of the school. Therefore

Resolved, first, that in his death the school has lost one of its brightest members.

Resolved, second, that the sympathy of the school be extended to his parents and little brothers and sisters.

Resolved, third, that we recognize the wisdom of God and feel assured that He doeth all things well. He has said "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Resolved, fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be handed to the PUNTA GORDA HERALD with a request to publish same, and that a copy be sent to the parents of Felix and that a copy be retained on the records of the Sunday school.
MISS CLYDE BEVILL,
MISS ANNIE HILL,
MISS LILY REGISTER,
Committee.

Grand Army Encampment.
The 6th national encampment G. A. R. will be held in Washington during the week beginning Oct. 6th.

The Atlantic Coast Line has been selected as the official route from Florida. Tickets will be on sale from Oct. 3rd, good to return till Nov. 3rd, with privilege of extension in Washington at a cost of 50c. Price of tickets: from Tampa and St. Petersburg \$20.85, Orlando \$19.00, Sanford \$18.65, Jacksonville \$16.05.

"The Headquarters car" will leave Tampa at 8 o'clock p. m. Oct. 4th, via A. C. L. and can be taken at any point enroute to Jacksonville. It will leave Jacksonville at 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday, Oct. 5th, and reach Washington at an early hour the next morning. Every comfort will be given the ladies of the party.

"Comrades desiring further information in regard to side trips out of Washington, or as to sleeping car accommodations, will address, S. F. COLLIER, Jr., D. P. Agent, A. C. L. Tampa, Fla."

A Lovesick Goldfish.
At a country house last summer I saw quite a unique friendship, writes a correspondent. The cat of the household, a magnificent Persian Tom, goes, when thirsty, to a large glass bowl in the drawing room, wherein a goldfish disports itself, and there seems to have an interesting tete-a-tete with its fishy friend—drinking the other's health, I suppose.

The lady of the house told me that a week or two previous to my visit the cat had been unwell and could not be induced to leave its quarters in the kitchen. It was noticed that the fish also seemed sickly and refused to nibble the crumbs and seedlings thrown to it, but not for a moment did any one dream of associating its indisposition with the absence of the cat. When, however, master Tom appeared on the scene again, with quite an elastic step, the fish became itself once more and is now as frisky as ever.—London Chronicle.